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During the week 10 vessels were inspected on arrival, and 8 on departure.

There have been inspected at this station during the month of November, 64 vessels, 1,965 members of crew, and 689 passengers.

United States tug *Buford* arrived in this port November 30, with 9 passengers and cargo of forage for the Quartermaster's Department, United States Army, and left for New York, December 1.

Tunas de Zaza.—Dr. Francisco Ravella reports 7 deaths during the week, 1 from malaria, 2 from intestinal diseases, and 1 from tuberculosis; no contagious diseases reported. Inspected 6 vessels during the week.

Casilda.—Dr. Alejandro Cantero reports 6 deaths in the city of Trinidad during the week, 1 from malaria and 1 from intestinal diseases. Five cases of smallpox, 4 children and the mother, appeared in the city the first of the week, but the type is very mild. They were all removed to an isolated house on the outside of the city, and under the care of the municipal physician, Dr. M. Aporicie, are doing well, but will be kept in quarantine some days after recovery for better precautions. Five vessels inspected during the week.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Dr. Juan R. Xiques reports no deaths and no contagious diseases during the week. Inspected 11 vessels during the week.

Jucaro.—Ramon San Pelayo reports no deaths and no contagious diseases at that port during the week. Inspected 6 vessels during the week.

Respectfully,

J. M. LINDSLEY.

Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Steamship Buenos Ayres released from quarantine at Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, December 2, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to report that the passengers of the steamship *Buenos Ayres*, undergoing detention at Mariel Quarantine Station, were released on November 30.

No cases of illness developed among the passengers while in quarantine, and everyone seemed perfectly satisfied with the accommodations provided for them, with the exception of the food supplied at times by the Spanish trans-Atlantic Line, with regard to which some complaint was made by the passengers.

Acting Assistant Surgeons McConnell and Torralbas returned to Havana on the same date as the passengers.

I have left a force of 6 attendants at Mariel for the purpose of disinfecting the buildings that have been utilized during the detention of the passengers of the *Buenos Ayres*, and also for the purpose of cleaning up the place and putting it in better shape for subsequent use.

Respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

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